



60130-1985
03MRA0135

1 Fw

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Lee Watts, et al.
Serial No.: 10/775,033
Filed: February 9, 2004
Group Art Unit: 3747
Examiner: Unknown
Title: EXHAUST PIPE VALVE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PTO form 1449 is submitted herewith pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98(a) as a means of complying with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.56 with respect to the above identified application. In accordance with Patent Office guidelines, a copy of the citations listed on PTO 1449 is enclosed. None of these references discloses the invention claimed in the subject application. Also enclosed is a copy of the European Patent Office search report.

It is believed that this is being submitted before the mailing of the first Office Action on the merits pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b)(3) and therefore no fees are required. If a petition and fee are required please consider this a petition to consider the Supplemental Information Disclosure and charge all fees to Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1482.

Respectfully submitted,

CARLSON, GASKEY & OLDS, P.C.

Dated: June 9, 2004

Anna M. Shih
Registration No. 36,372
400 W. Maple Road, Suite 350
Birmingham, MI 48009
(248) 988-8360

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that the enclosed **IDS, Form PTO-1449 and references cited** are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on June 9, 2004.



Lindsey Fortney



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 2

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/775,033
Filing Date	February 9, 2004
First Named Inventor	Lee Watts, et al.
Art Unit	3747
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	60130-1985; 03MRA0135

[illegible]

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T
		Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ - Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
		DE 195 26 144	01-23-1997	Pierburg AG		
		DE 37 07 904	09-22-1988	Sueddeutsche Kuehler Behr		
		DE 43 05 123	09-01-1994	Pierburg GMBH		
		JP 07 091247	04-04-1995	Mikuni Corp.		
		JP 06 248929	12-06-1994	Toyota Motor Corp.		
		EP 0 835 998	04-15-1998	ECIA Equip Composants IND Auto	ECIA Equip Compo	

**Examiner
Signature**

Date Considered

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Business Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. **DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO:** Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

U. S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

+

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/775,033
Filing Date	February 9, 2004
First Named Inventor	Lee Watts, et al.
Group Art Unit	3747
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	60130-1985; 03MRA0135

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 2 of 2

Attorney Docket Number | 60130-1985; 03MRA0135

[illegible]Date
Considered

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

+